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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/781,343
Filing Date: 02/18/2004
Title: "Methods and Devices for
Draining Fluids and Lowering Intraocular Pressure"
Inventor(s): Mercado et al.

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement office action dated May 30, 2006,
Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute method claims 1-21.

A three (3) month extension is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The
Commissioner is authorized to deduct the small entity fee for this extension as well as
any other fees properly deemed to be due from Deposit Account 50-0878.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel to discuss any further measures that may be taken to facilitate issuance of a Notice of Allowance on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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